

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Sterling Gravel Pit Vehicle Fluids

SITREP #: 4

SPILL NUMBER: 08239912601

LEDGER CODE: 14260660

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: On Monday, May 5, 2008, ADEC received a report from Mr. Al Self, of vehicles collecting at a gravel pit in Sterling, some of which were leaking various fluids.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 10:00 AM on June 6, 2008.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 11:00 AM on June 13, 2008

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An undetermined amount of vehicle fluids including glycol, engine lube oil, transmission oil, brake fluids, hydraulic fluids, and differential lubrication.

LOCATION: Chumley's Gravel Pit, Sterling

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause was reportedly due to human error when vehicles that had not been drained of fluids were stacked into piles of vehicles that were free of fluids. During this period, many of the vehicles had damage done to parts of vehicles where fluids are held, causing leakage.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ronald Smith, Peninsula Scrap and Salvage

RESPONSE ACTIONS: Multiple liners are in place and have been bermed to prevent any further contamination from fluid leakage. Vehicles are being moved from the original stack to these areas. Vehicle fluids continue to be removed and contained in drums in another lined area. A crushing machine is on location and placed in a lined area for crushing the vehicles, which are then being staged for removal. Crushed vehicles are being wrapped and placed on trailers for transport to Alaska Metal Recycling in Anchorage. The transport of vehicles began on June 3, 2008 and will continue until all vehicles are removed from the site. Additional heavy equipment was brought to the site to help meet the goal of having vehicles moved from the original stack by today, June 6, 2008.

The ADEC project manager met with the Kenai Borough officials, concerned neighbors, and representatives from Cook Inlet Keeper at the site on Thursday afternoon, June 5, 2008, to review progress at the site, expectations for getting clean-up of site, and sampling of soils and groundwater.

No additional vehicles have been received at the site nor are expected to be received at the site.

SOURCE CONTROL: Vehicles from the original stack are being moved to liners and vehicle fluids are being collected.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Soil in pit and there is concern is that the shallow water table could be impacted.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue moving vehicles to pit liner, drain fluids in vehicles that have not been drained, and continue processing to get the pit cleared. An environmental assessment would follow the movement of vehicles to liners to determine any environmental impact and address those concerns with excavation of any contaminated soils and sampling of the soils and groundwater.

WEATHER: Today light winds, cloudy with highs in the low 60s.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

F.O.S.C:

S.O.S.C: Gary Folley (ADEC)

R.P.I.C: Ron Smith (Peninsula Scrap and Salvage)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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Remaining vehicles in original stack which are to be removed to liners today.



Vehicles are crushed, wrapped and placed on trailers for transport to Anchorage.